

Selection Policy for Admission to School

General Rules

The procedure of selection and admission in The Romanov School includes several stages:

1. An oral interview with each candidate and his/her parents aimed at discovering their motivation, purposes and expectations;
2. Carrying out tests in the core subjects (Russian, Mathematics, and English);
3. An interview with the specialists of the school counseling service aimed at understanding each candidate's psychological characteristics and the visual/audial/kinesthetic requirements with a view to create the most suitable learning environment including educational forms and methods to be applied and the appropriate class to be a member of;
4. Application of equal rules for each candidate including those for whom Language A is not Russian; in case of need special tutorial lessons are provided to assist them to improve their language skills as well to master the core subjects should any difficulties occur;
5. The final decision on admission is taken by the Principal of the Center for Education;
6. The process of admission is carried out according to the established rules of the school.

Selection Process for IB Classes

A future IB student shall be able to meet high demands and expectations. Basic regulations and admission rules are contained in the Selection Policy for Admission to School (see the above). Students entering the DP must have an adequate level of proficiency in English and Mathematics. An assessment test may be required. The major requirement to the admission to the IB classes is based on selection of those who are seriously intended to learn and work hard. Applications are only accepted from those who have successfully passed the final state examinations (the Final Attestation) taken on completion of basic general education (a nine-year program) and got the Certificate of Basic General Education. Another requirement is to produce the teachers' references and recommendations.

Those who apply for IB must have a comprehensive knowledge of English, not lower than the Upper Intermediate level and be socially and intellectually mature. IB oriented students may start preparing themselves for learning in IB DP in years prior to IB (the 8th and the 9th years for Russian schools). For such students opportunities to attend classes of Math, Chemistry and other subjects in English are provided. The decision on admission is taken by the special Selection Committee under the chairmanship of the school Principal. The other members of the Committee include the vice-principals, the IB DP Coordinator and IB teachers. The decision is taken based on the grades in the core subjects (Russian, Mathematics, and English) and the subjects the applicant is going to study at a higher level than the student obtained in the process of the Final Attestation. The student may be asked to carry out additional tests. All the applicants go through an interview with the specialists of the school counseling service aimed at understanding their psychological characteristics. The process of application for IB includes filling in a specially developed questionnaire (the questionnaire is attached) and writing a motivation letter by the applicant. When taking the final decision on admission a focus is to be made on the results of the interview with the parents of a potential IB student who should demonstrate full commitment to

the program and a deep understanding of the amount of effort to be taken by both: the parents and the child to complete the IB DP program successfully and to get a diploma.